

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and apparatus provide for the automated testing of disk drives after the drive has been installed in a computer system and it operating therein. Typically, at the factory a number of tests are performed which include flaw mapping, runout compensation and final
5 verification. The automated system and method described herein provides for initiating and performing these tests such that they are completely performed and the disk is corrected to account for any errors discovered during the test, and such that the test does not interfere with the normal operations of the disk drive.